

SEMS Goal #11

Training Ranges (land and associated air space used for live fire ranges, maneuver, testing, and development designated for Military Operations in Urban Terrain training) capable of supporting current and future military training to standard

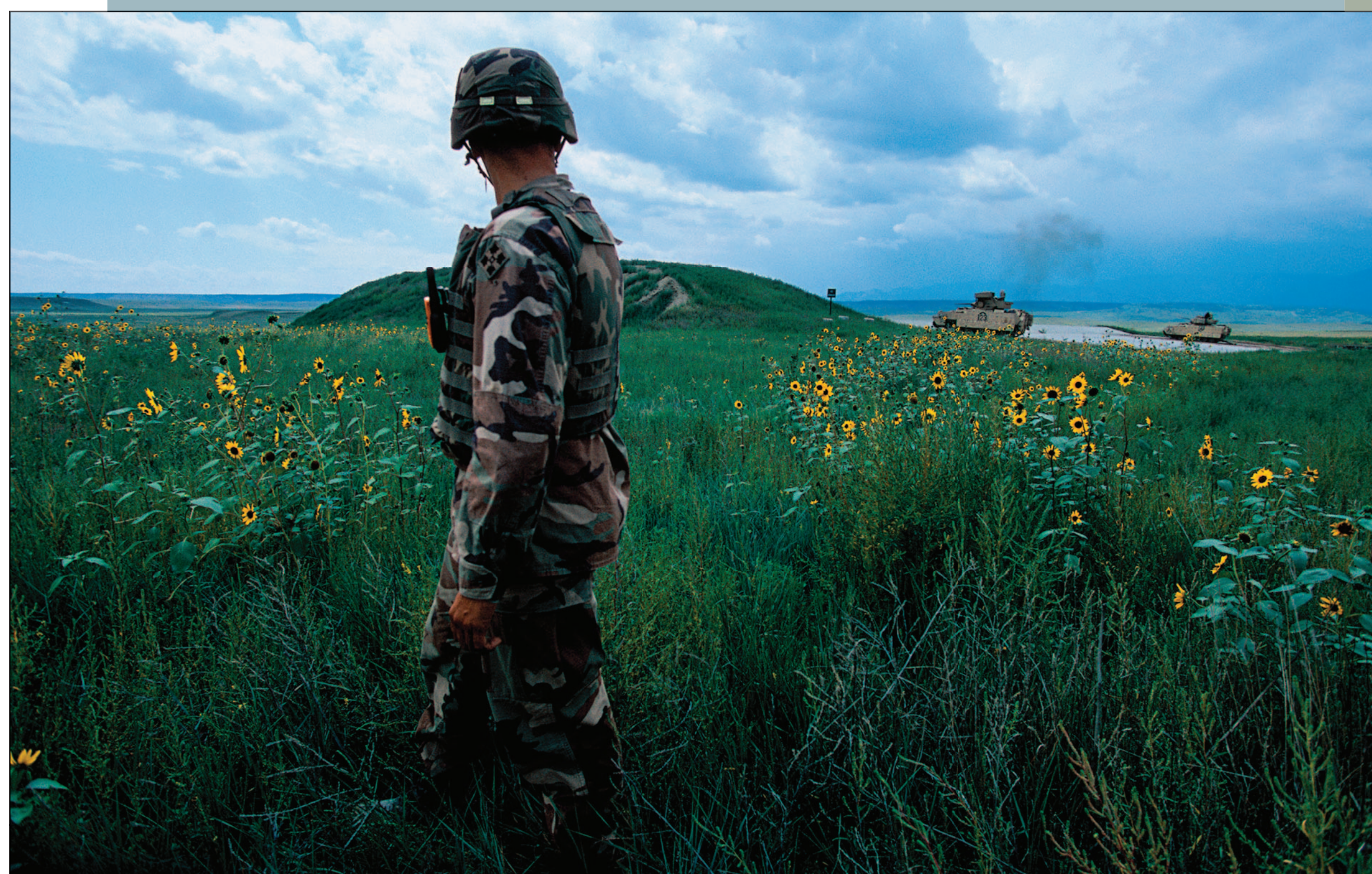


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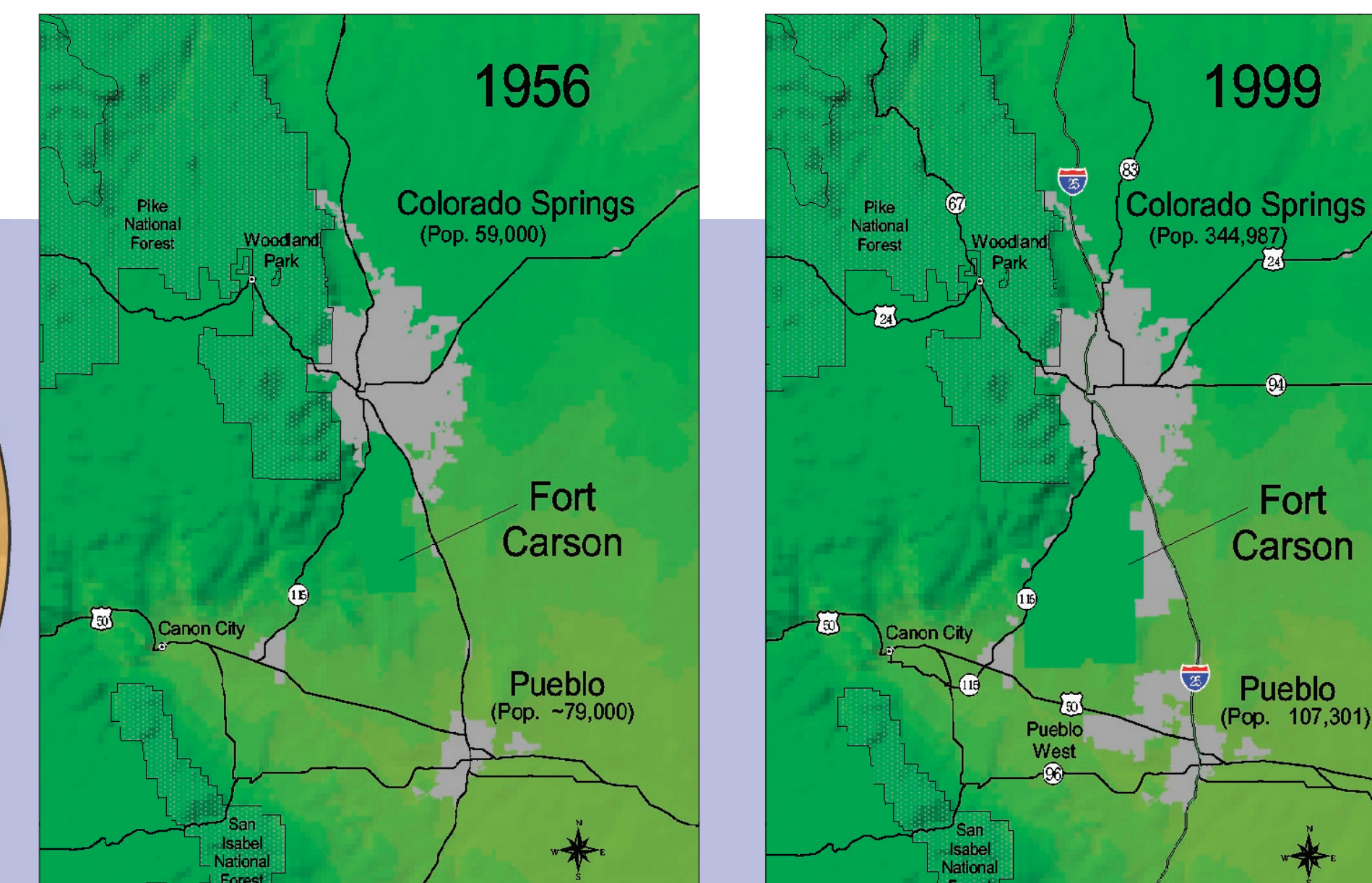
Question:

What alternatives/tools exist other than conservation easements and leases to preclude incompatible development on Fort Carson's boundaries?

What initiatives can Fort Carson implement or become involved in that will facilitate cooperative conservation efforts with our neighbors, as well as preclude incompatible development on our boundaries?

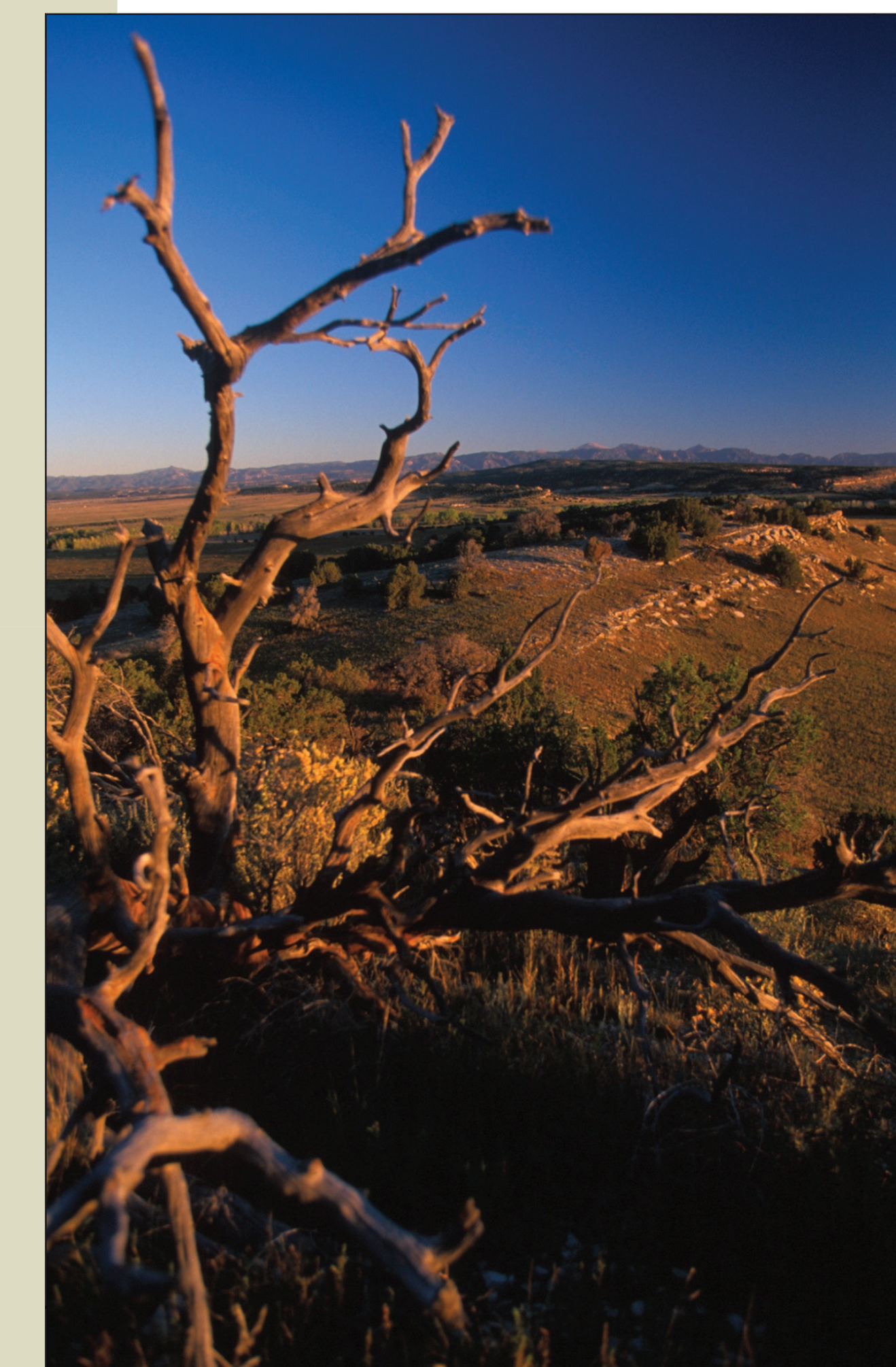
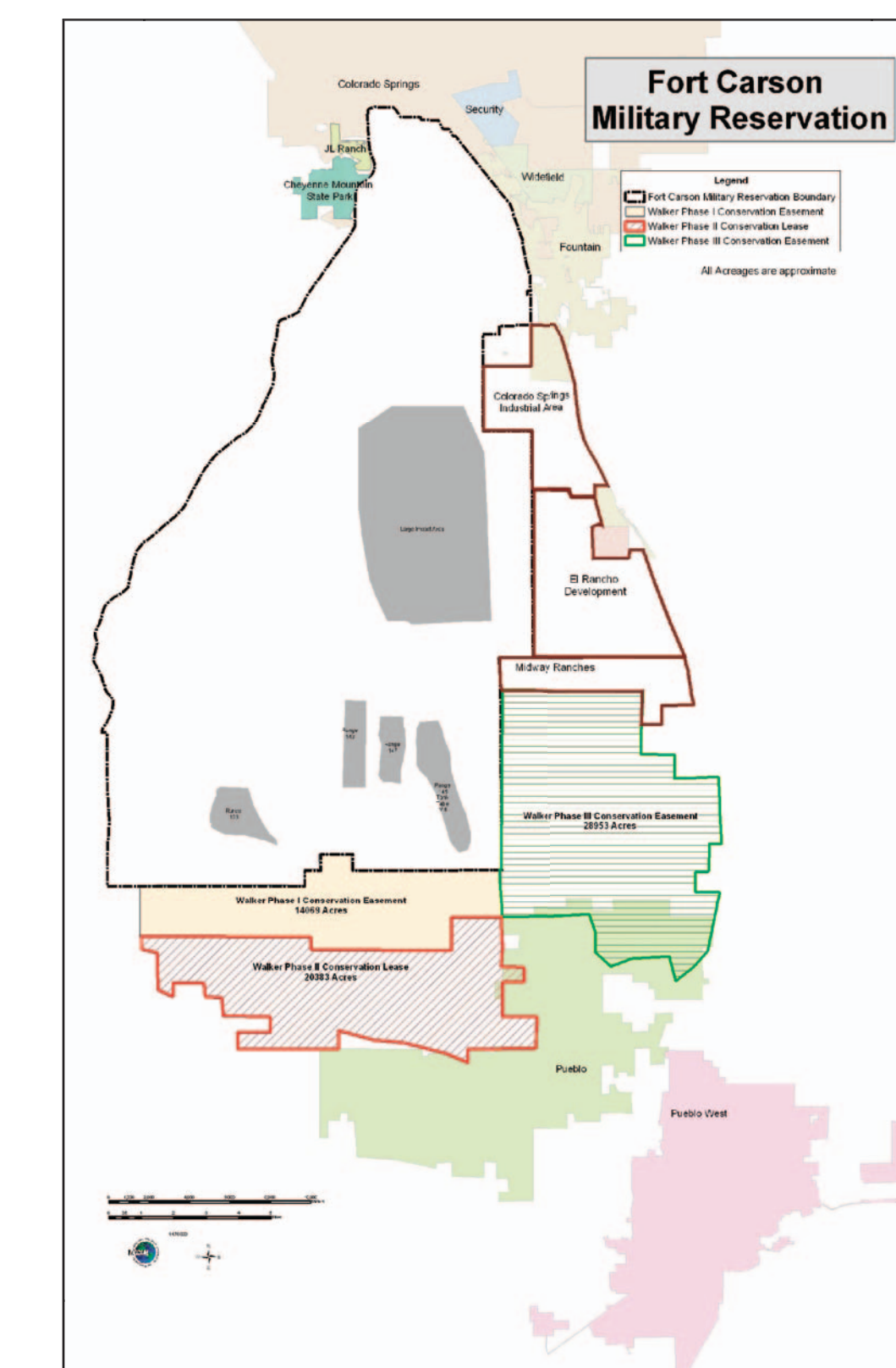


Growth of development around Fort Carson boundaries over time.



Accomplishments:

- Secured a conservation easement on over 5,000 acres of land bordering the southern boundary of Fort Carson.
- Obtained cooperative support from landowners, state, county, local, and municipal governments and organizations to implement buffer land solutions addressing incompatible development and encroachment issues on Fort Carson's eastern boundary.
- Replaced the smoke training buffer zone requirement with more realistic, yet still effective, planning and operating procedures and removed constraints on the types of smoke permitted Installation-wide, resulting in increased training flexibility.

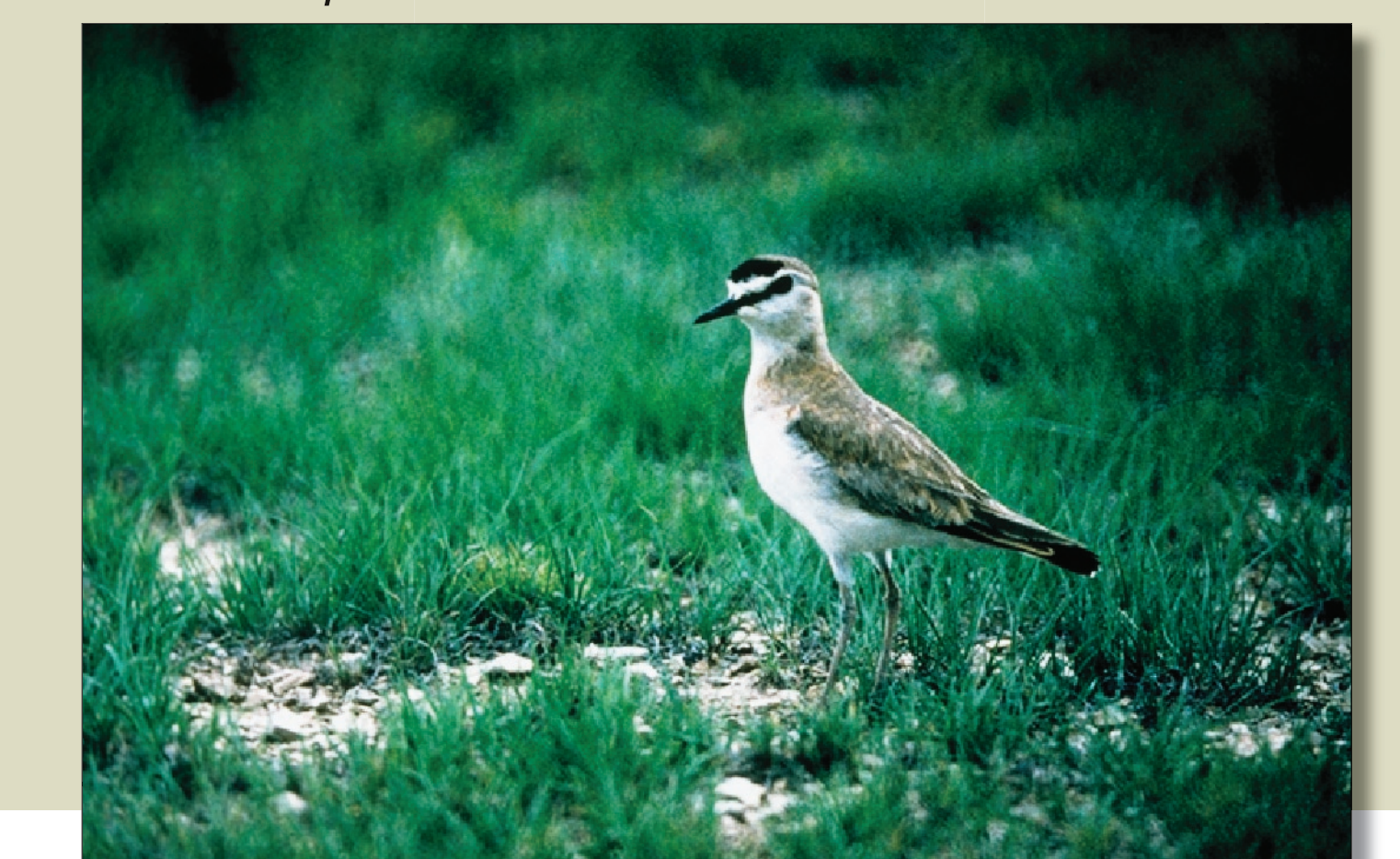


Land on the border of Fort Carson being considered for conservation easements.

Future Initiatives:

- Complete Fort Carson's buffer plan for over 60,000 acres of land that strategically mitigates incompatible encroachment impacts to the Installation.
- Complete the systematic assessment of physical and biological encroachment issues and buffer opportunities on the boundaries of Fort Carson's and Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site.
- Develop and implement the PCMS buffer plan that will support current and future training missions of the U.S. Army.

Mountain plover



Smoke training

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